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DE 203 14 098 depicts a Z-shaped serving aid having tapered flanges. The document, however, was published after the Applicant's filing date.

DE 202 17 100 depicts a serving aid having a bottom flange 2, the part of which that extends to one side of the vertical part 1 is tapered. DE 203 17 359 depicts a serving aid similar to that of DE 202 17 100, except that the bottom flange is not tapered. DE 297 23 815 depicts a server having a handle, a triangular support, and a vertical sidewall.

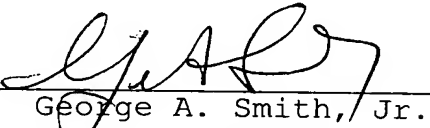
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statement. More specifically, the documents were cited on April 11, 2005 by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office acting as the International searching authority for the applicant's international patent application PCT/CA2004/002054. Copies of the International search report, the notification, and the written opinion are also enclosed.

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